Please replace Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A trocar comprising:

a cannula for receiving an implant and inserting the implant into an animal, the cannula having a sharp tissue penetrating distal end;

a spring element received entirely within the cannula, the spring element having a leaf spring for retaining the implant inside the cannula, the leaf spring applying a frictional force against the implant sufficient to prevent the implant from sliding out of the cannula under a weight of the implant; and

an obturator for delivering the implant from the cannula into the animal.

Please add new Claims 21-25, as follows:

21. (New) A trocar comprising:

a cannula for receiving an implant and inserting the implant into an animal;

a spring element received within the cannula, the spring element formed from a sheet with a continuous cut forming a T-shaped leaf spring;

an obturator for delivering the implant from the cannula into the animal; and

wherein the leaf spring retains the implant inside the cannula by applying a frictional force against the implant sufficient to prevent the implant from sliding out of the cannula under a weight of the implant.

22. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the obturator has a tapered distal end to prevent ejection of the spring element from the cannula when the obturator is moved distally to eject the implant from the cannula.

23. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the spring element is fixed within the cannula.

24. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the leaf spring is received entirely within the cannula.

25. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the spring element is received entirely within the cannula.